

## MILITARY CHILD CARE

Chapter 88 of Title 10, United States Code (as added by section 568 of the National Defense Authorization Act for 1996, which codified the Military Child Care Act of 1989) requires DoD to prescribe uniform fee regulations for Military Child Development Centers. Fees are to be based on total family income and apply to all children attending a Military Child Development Center. The fee ranges for the 1997/1998 school year (effective with the commencement of the school year) are as follows:

### FEE RANGES FOR THE 1997/1998 SCHOOL YEAR

<u>CATEGORY RANGE</u>	<u>TOTAL 1/ FAMILY INCOME</u>	<u>RANGE OF WEEKLY FEES AUTHORIZED PER CHILD 2/</u>	<u>OPTIONAL 3/ HIGH COST</u>
I	\$0 - \$23,000	\$37 - \$50	\$42 - \$53
II	23,001 - 34,000	47 - 60	52 - 64
III	34,001 - 44,000	57 - 72	63 - 77
IV	44,001 - 55,000	70 - 82	76 - 88
V	55,001 - +	83 - 94	87 - 98

Notes:

1/ The Child Development Center should review DD Form 2652 to verify total family income. Military income includes Base Pay, Basic Allowances for Quarters and Basic Allowance for Subsistence. The most recent copy of the spouse's W-2 or a leave and earnings statement should be used to verify income for nonmilitary personnel.

2/ Installations may authorize up to a 20 percent reduction of fees charged for each additional child from the same family.

3/ The optional high cost range may be used where it is necessary to pay higher wages in order to compete in the local labor market.